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For: ROTATION CONTROL APPARATUS OPERATING WITH A SYNC SIGNAL

HAVING VARIABLE INTERVALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims 5-9:

1. (Revised) An information data recording apparatus for recording information data on an information recording medium having pre-pits which are formed at periodic intervals having a period that is m, m being an integer, times as large a unit period in accordance with pre-information recorded at an interval which deviates from said periodic intervals by an interval that is k, k being an integer, where k<m, times said unit period in accordance with recording positions, said apparatus comprising:

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a unit length signal generator which generates a periodic signal of a unit length;

a memory for temporarily storing said information data in synchronism with said periodic

signal from said unit length signal generator and supplying said information data in synchronism

with a clock signal;

a pre-pit signal reproducing circuit for detecting said pre-pits from said recording medium and generating a pre-pit signal;

a phase-locked loop circuit for generating said clock signal which is phase-locked with a jitter component contained in said pre-pit signal; and

a recording means for recording said information data supplied from said memory on said recording medium.

- 5. (New) An information data recording apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said unit length corresponds to a bit interval that is specified by a recording format used for recording the information data.
- 6. (New) An information data recording apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said unit period is a sync frame.
- 7. (New) An information data recording apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said sync frame has a length which is 1488 times the unit length.

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8. (New) An information data recording apparatus for recording information data on an information recording medium having pre-pits which are formed at predetermined periodic intervals, said apparatus comprising:

a memory which temporarily stores said information data to be recorded on the information recording medium and supplies said information data in synchronism with a clock signal;

a pre-pit signal reproducing circuit which detects said pre-pits from said recording medium and generates a pre-pit signal;

a phase-locked loop circuit which generates said clock signal which is phase-locked with a jitter component contained in said pre-pit signal; and

a recording device which records said information data supplied from said memory on said recording medium.

9. (New) A method for recording information data on an information recording medium having pre-pits which are formed at predetermined periodic intervals, said method comprising the steps of:

temporarily storing said information data to be recorded on the information recording medium and supplying said information data in synchronism with a clock signal;

detecting said pre-pits from said recording medium and generating a pre-pit signal;

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generating said clock signal which is phase-locked with a jitter component contained in said pre-pit signal; and

recording said information data supplied from said memory on said recording medium.

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Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 5 - 9 are added as new claims.

1. (Revised) An information data recording apparatus for recording information data on an information recording medium having pre-pits which are formed at periodic intervals having a period that is m, m being an integer, times as large a unit period in accordance with pre-information recorded at an interval which deviates from said periodic intervals by an interval that is k, k being an integer, where k<m, times said unit period in accordance with recording positions, said apparatus comprising:

a unit [period] <u>length</u> signal generator which generates a periodic signal of [said] <u>a</u> unit [period] <u>length</u>;

a memory for temporarily storing said information data in synchronism with said periodic signal from said unit [period] <u>length</u> signal generator and supplying said information data in synchronism with a clock signal;

a pre-pit signal reproducing circuit for detecting said pre-pits from said recording medium and generating a pre-pit signal;

a phase-locked loop circuit for generating said clock signal which is phase-locked with a jitter component contained in said pre-pit signal; and

a recording means for recording said information data supplied from said memory on said recording medium.

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- 6. (New) An information data recording apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said unit period is a sync frame.
- 7. (New) An information data recording apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said sync frame has a length which is 1488 times the unit length.
- 8. (New) An information data recording apparatus for recording information data on an information recording medium having pre-pits which are formed at predetermined periodic intervals, said apparatus comprising:

a memory which temporarily stores said information data to be recorded on the information recording medium and supplies said information data in synchronism with a clock signal;

a pre-pit signal reproducing circuit which detects said pre-pits from said recording medium and generates a pre-pit signal;

a phase-locked loop circuit which generates said clock signal which is phase-locked with a jitter component contained in said pre-pit signal; and

a recording device which records said information data supplied from said memory on said recording medium.

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temporarily storing said information data to be recorded on the information recording medium and supplying said information data in synchronism with a clock signal;

detecting said pre-pits from said recording medium and generating a pre-pit signal;
generating said clock signal which is phase-locked with a jitter component contained in
said pre-pit signal; and

recording said information data supplied from said memory on said recording medium.--